The South 40

Short-grade feeders cause concern locally

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

There is some real concern about the high numbers of feeder cattle grading short. A lot of work has gone into selecting bulls with adequate length. I'm guessing that the problem is with the females. Special attention needs to be given the heifers kept as replacements. As desirable replacement heifers become available, consider selling the short cows.

Last fall at the graded feeder cattle sales in Lynchburg here is how the cattle graded: first sale 21% steers and 16% heifers grading S or SS. In the second sale 28% steers and 20% heifers graded shorts, in the third sale 18% steers and 15% of the heifers graded either S or SS.

This spring: first sale 14% steers and 9% heifers were shorts, second sale 13% steers and 16% heifers graded S or SS, in the third 10% of steers and 15% of the heifers fell into this undesirable grade.

Cattlemen producing feeder cattle grading short are reducing their income and possibly reducing their production in terms of pounds of cattle produced. Feeders, generally, are unwilling to pay the same dollar for a short as they do for a M1 or L1. A serious culling program can correct this situation. Records that give you the grade and weight of calf each cow produces would, of course, be the best method of determining which females to sell.

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Two farms will be using Standak 2.67F, a new nematicide, this year on tobacco. Standak in earlier work looks very good for control of root-knot nematodes. This year Standak is available only on a demonstration basis. It is applied through the transplant water. The two farms with this demonstration are: Nelson Mann and Clarence Jones.

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A Marliss no-til seeder will soon be available for Appomattox farmers. Jack Caldwell, Appomattox Truck and Tractor, tells me that this piece of equipment should be available in about three weeks. It can be used to no-til plant soybeans, alfalfa, and a number of other crops.

It is my understanding that this machine will rent for $10 per acre.

The Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District has been very interested in having a no-til planter available to farmers in this county.

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The Outstanding Young Flue-Cured Tobacco Farmers Awards and Recognition Program sponsored by Phillip Morris U.S.A. in cooperation with the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service will operate again this year under revised rules and regulations.

All active farmers under the age of 35 at the beginning of the current year may be nominated. Nominees must receive at least 75 percent of their total income from farming and must be actively involved in the production of flue cured tobacco during the current and previous calendar years. Nominees must have demonstrated leadership ability and financial stability. One nomination may be made per county.

A selection committee composed of a farmer, agri-business and financial representative will serve on the committee with the Extension Agent. Awards are $100 to three state semi-finalists and $1000 for the state winner.

Nominations must be submitted by June 1, 1983.

We would appreciate receiving nominations.

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Don't overlook alfalfa just because it was sprayed one time. It may need to be sprayed again.

THESE STUDENTS look so happy because they will be spending two weeks this summer at the University of Virginia Summer Enrichment Program. Curriculum emphasis will be on developing skills such as problem solving, critical examination and evaluation. Areas that are new or of special interest to students will be investigated through demonstrations, lectures, discussion and individual or small group projects. The students were accepted for the summer program on the basis of aptitude test scores, achievement test scores, expressions of creativity and ratings from school personnel. Pictured above are (front, from left) Dusty Wilhelt, Kerri McFadden, Jennifer White, Laura Bradley. Second row (from left) Joe Servis, Daniel Slagle, and Jay Stubblefield.

Virginia Heart Institute receives accreditation

The Virginia Heart Institute has been accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. (AAAHC) for a period of three years. Charles L. Baird, Jr., M.D., Chief Executive Officer, was recently notified of the accreditaiton decision and was commended for this accomplishment.

The accreditation award recognizes substantial compliance with nationally accepted standards concerning rights of patients, governance, administration, quality of care, quality assurance, medical records, professional improvement, facilities and enrivonment, surgical services, pharmaceutical services, pathology and medical laboratory services, radiology services, other professional and technical services, teaching and publication activities and research activities.

Through participation in the accreditation process, the Virginia Heart Institute has demonstrated its commitment to high quality patient care and continual self-improvement in all areas of operation. "The Institute is recognized nationally as the first out-patient cardiovascular hospital and recently celebrated its tenth anniversary" according to Dr. Baird.

The AAAHC, headquartred in Skokie, Illinois, conducts a nationwide peer-based assessment, consultation, education and accreditation program for ambulatory health care organizations to assist them in providing the highest achievable level of care for patients in the most efficient and economically sound manner.

Member organizations of the AAAHC are the American College Health Association, American Group Practice Association, Freestanding Surgical Association, Medical Group Management Association, National Association of Community Health Centers, and Outpatient Ophthalmic Surgery Society.

Bobby Booker chosen

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Bobby Booker, an ACHS senior, has been chosen by audition to attend the 1983 All-Virginia Chorus in Winchester, VA; May 5-7. The chorus is comprised of 200 juniors and seniors, students from all over the state who were selected during All-Regional Chorus in February. Sixteen students are chosen from each district.

All-Virginia Chorus is an annual event, hosted this year by Shenandoah College and Conservatory of Music. The chorus, under the direction of Dr. James McCray of Colorado State University, will perform a program of classic choral music Saturday, May 7th at 2 p.m. at Handley High School, Winchester.

Bobby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Booker, Sr. of Rt. 1, Gladstone.

Class of '63 to reunite

Would the members of the Class of 1963 please step forward!! The 20th anniversary of the 1963 graduating class of Appomattox High School is now being planned. If you were in this class, please contact Frank L. Thomas at P.O. Box 2133, Appomattox, Virginia 24522 or Doris B. Nash at P.O. Box 523, Appomattox, Virginia 24522 concerning your interest in planning the reunion.

A form was printed in the Times-Virginian the week of April 13, 1983 requesting that members of the 1963 Class return the form as soon as possible.

If you have not returned the form, please do so at once.

Molly Handy honored

Molly Handy, a Longwood College student from Appomattox, has been honored for excellence in her major.

Handy, a senior mathematics major, recently received the John R. Clark Award from Longwood's mathematics and computer science department. The award cites her for excellence in mathematics and student teaching. It includes a subscription to The Mathematics Teacher magazine.

Last semester Handy student-taught at Appomattox County High School. Her award was presented on April 19 at a College-wide assembly.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira C. Handy of Appomattox.

ASCS Today

By TOM CONRAD

ASCS Requires Protection of Acreage Removed From Crop Production - To provide protection from soil and water erosion for Appomattox county's cropland removed from production, the ASCS requires farm program participants to plant certain grasses and cover crops or install approved conservation practices on these acres.

Conservation management on the land taken out of production is a requirement of the 1983 acreage reduction, land diversion and payment-in-kind programs.

The diverted acres may be devoted to annual, biennial, or perennial grasses; legumes, small grain, volunteer stands other than weeds, or crop residue from use of no-till, or minimum-till practices. Barley, oats, rice and wheat may be used as a cover crop but the crop may not be harvested. An exception to this harvesting restriction has been made for wheat seeded prior to January 12, 1983, on farms participating in the PIK program. Other cover and plantings, such as those benefiting wildlife, may be developed provided they meet erosion control standards and are approved by the ASCS State Committee with the concurrence of Soil Conservation Service.

Farmers are required to use necessary control measures for erosion, insects, weeds and rodents on diverted acres. Control measures for weeds need to be sufficient to prevent the spread of weeds and consistent with control practices normally carried out on similar cropland in the area.

We encourage farmers to install a permanent conservation practice, such as permanent vegetative cover, on cropland taken out of production. Tree planting would be especially effective on seriously eroding crop land. If the practice is established on eligible land and is maintained, the land will be eligible for designation as conservation use acreage in 1984 and 1985. Other permanent practices available in Appomattox County are sod waterways and vegetative cover on critical areas.

Farmville festival is this weekend

The fifth annual "Heart of Virginia" festival will be held this weekend in Farmville.

A dance featuring the band "First Class" from Richmond will be held Friday night in the lower dining room of Longwood College, to kick off the weekend's events. The dance will begin at 8:30 p.m. For ticket information call Sherry Honneycutt at 392-4318, or Sara Spital at 392-3873.

A softball tournament will begin Friday evening and continue on Saturday with the finals set for Sunday afternoon.

Other featured activities will be an art festival, to be displayed along the colonnade at Longwood College; live shows and bands, which will be featured throughout the day on the courthouse lawn and into the evening Saturday at the barbeque and fireworks show at the Farmville Armory; sidewalk cafes, art and craft exhibits, down-home cooking, which will be located along Main and High Streets, and a wide variety of educational exhibits produced by local students.

Parker graduates

Airman 1st Class Norris S. Parker, son of Lillie P. Scott and stepson of Alfred Scott of Route 1, Pamplin, Va., has graduated from the U.S. Air Force law enforcement specialist course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Graduates of the course studied general law enforcement duties, tactics, weapons training, physical apprehension and restraint and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

Parker will now serve at Dover Air Force Base, Del.

The airman is a 1980 graduate of Prince Edward County High School, Farmville, Va.

Harvey is accepted

Nugene Harvey, Jr., a sophomore at the University of Virginia, has been accepted at the McIntire School of Commerce. The School of Commerce is for students with anticipated majors in accounting, finance, marketing, management, etc. Students' overall academic achievement, participation in extra-curricular activities and leadership are determining factors for acceptance.

Nugene is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nugene Harvey, Sr. of Spout Spring, Va.

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